The following tips may help you shoot better digital video when you’re testing your rig:

1. **Stabilize your camera**
   - Move the camera slowly to avoid blur.
   - Give it time to adjust to new lighting.
   - Keep two hands on your smartphone at all times.
   - Rather than holding the phone at arm's length, tuck your elbows into your chest.
   - If possible, put your elbows on a table to keep your hands stable.
   - Put your camera on a bean bag or a bag of uncooked rice to stabilize without using your hands.
   - Even better — use a tripod (with a tripod mount that fits your phone).

2. **Use 'landscape mode'**
   - Hold your camera sideways (landscape mode). That's the same orientation as the computer screen that's viewing it.

3. **Don’t use digital zoom**
   - If you want to zoom in with a smartphone without getting a pixelated image, walk closer to your subject.

4. **Lighting**
   - The best lighting source to use is free and accessible for almost everyone: the sun! Natural lighting looks great in almost every instance.
   - If indoors, don’t have the subject in front of a lit window or you’ll be left with a silhouette (backlighting).
   - If you’re shooting indoors, turn on all the lights in the room.

5. **Face the camera when you speak.**
   - Otherwise, you may not be heard.